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SUBJECT: MEAT INSPECTION

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REF: BONN 3320, BONN 3347

1. WE APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE INFORMATION IN BONN 3320 CONCERNING AGATT MARCH 1 MEETING WITH DR. BRUEHANN ON DR. BOEHM' S FUNCTION AND OTHER VETERINARY MATTERS. THIS HELPS PROVIDE NEEDED CLARIFICATION OF DR. BOEHM' S FUNCTION AND DR. BRUEHANN' S CONTINUING DISAGREEMENT WITH THE U. S. LIST OF PLANTS ELIGIBLE TO EXPORT TO GERMANY AND HIS WISHES FOR A SEPARATE LISTING OF U. S. PLANTS.

2. ON MATTER OF U. S. INSTRUCTION A-11644, MEETING WITH DR. FORIEST CAN TAKE PLACE AT CONVENIENCE OF DR. BRUEHANN OR DR. DUTSCHKE. MEETING PROPOSED TO PROVIDE BEST POSSIBLE COMMUNICATION AND EXPLANATION OF U. S. NEEDS TO COMPLY WITH US LAW AND OFFER SUGGESTIONS OF HOW THIS CAN MOST READILY BE
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ACCOMPLISHED. WE WILL BE APPLYING LIBERAL TIME FRAME FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS PROJECT WITH ALL COUNTRIES EXPORTING TO THE UNITED STATES.

3. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR PROPOSALS IN BONN 3347.

A. THE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO US FIRMS MENTIONED IN STATE 40383 IS ALREADY IN PROCESS OF DISTRIBUTION. NOTIFICATION POINTS OUT APHIS CONTINUES TO CERTIFY OFFAL EXPORTS TO GERMANY AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST AND SUCH PRODUCT CONTINUES TO GAIN ENTRY INTO GERMANY. IT ALSO EXPLAINS THAT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF GERMAN REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ESSENTIAL TO OBTAIN DR. BOEHM'S CERTIFICATION THAT WILL AUTHORIZE GERMAN IMPORTATION OF MEAT CUTS AND OFFALS NOT REQUIRED TO BE SUBJECTED TO DEFROST EXAMINATION IN GERMANY. APHIS STILL BELIEVES IT ADVISABLE IN VIEW OF DR. BOEHM'S ASSIGNMENT TO US AND HIS DUTIES, TO APPROACH US MEAT INDUSTRY AS A WHOLE AND DETERMINE WHICH PLANTS ARE INTERESTED IN CARRYING OUT GERMAN REQUIREMENTS TO ACHIEVE DR. BOEHM'S CONCURRENCE AND CERTIFICATION FOR MEAT CUTS AND OFFALS IN ACCORD WITH SECTION 12 F (2) OF THE GERMAN MEAT INSPECTION LAW. SINCE APHIS WILL HAVE RESPONSIBILITY TO CERTIFY SUCH PLANTS TO BONN (AS IN MONFORT CASE), INFORMATION WE GAIN FROM THE NOTIFICATION WILL BE IMPORTANT FOR APHIS AND SHOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST TO GERMAN MINISTRY.

B. APHIS HAS TALKED FURTHER WITH DR. BAMMEL, AGRICULTURAL SECRETARY IN FRG EMBASSY, ON THIS MATTER AND FURNISHED HIM WITH A COPY OF NOTIFICATION. DR. BAMMEL EXPRESSED THAT:

(1) HE WAS SENDING MESSAGE TO BONN EXPRESSING HIS VIEW THAT DR. BOEHM'S ASSIGNMENT WAS CARRIED OUT WITH INSUFFICIENT PLANNING AND COMMUNICATION TO ASSURE GOOD UNDERSTANDING ON ALL SIDES.

(2) DR. BOEHM'S LACK OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITY IS A SERIOUS HINDRANCE.

(3) THE RECOMMENDATION THERE BE AN INTERIM QUIET PERIOD TO PERMIT THINGS TO COOL FROM INITIAL INDUSTRY REACTIONS TO CONTACT WITH BOEHM.

C. WE CONCUR IN YOUR WITHHOLDING DISCUSSION WITH BRUEHANN PENDING RECEIPT OF NOTIFICATION THAT HAS BEEN AIRPOUCHED. STEINMETZ HAS ALSO SENT FASTO 50 TO BONN SUGGESTING HIS MEETING WITH YOUR OFFICE AND DR. BRUEHANN ON MARCH 26 AND/ OR 27.

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RM THROUGH CONTACT WITH FRG EMBASSY ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR DR. LYONS, FOREIGN PROGRAMS STAFF, APHIS, TO ACCOMPANY DR. BOEHM ON HIS SCHEDULED VISIT TO HORMEL, FREMONT, NEBRASKA, PLANT ON MARCH 12 AND POSSIBLY OTHER NEBRASKAN PLANTS TO GAIN INFORMATION ON DR. BOEHM'S OPERATION.

5. AS EXAMPLE OF MISUNDERSTANDING THAT HAS EXISTED AT HORMEL, FREMONT PLANT, HORMEL FIRST INDICATED TO US THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN UNTIL MARCH 9 TO ACCOMPLISH CERTAIN MUST CORRECTIONS IF THEY WERE TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE EXPORTING OFFALS TO GERMANY. ON FURTHER CONTACT WITH HORMEL IT DEVELOPED THAT DR. BOEHM HAD PROBABLY ACTUALLY EXPRESSED THAT HE WOULD DISCONTINUE ISSUING HIS CERTIFICATE THAT WOULD ENABLE OFFALS TO ENTER GERMANY WITHOUT THE DEFROST EXAMINATION. HORMEL WAS TOLD BY APHIS THEY CAN CONTINUE EXPORTING OFFALS TO GERMANY AS IN THE PAST. THEY INDICATE THEY ARE WILLING TO CONTINUE EXPORTING AS IN THE PAST BUT HAVE NOT YET REACHED A DECISION ON MEETING REQUIREMENTS THAT WOULD APPLY UNDER SECTION 12 F OF THE GERMAN LAW. ROGERS

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